



Bernard "Bernie" J. Wetzel

January 11, 2024

Bernard (Bernie) J. Wetzel, beloved husband of Jan (Janice Arthur) died peacefully on January 11, 2024. Preceded in death by 5 brothers and 2 sisters, son of the late George Wetzel and Anna P. (Churilla), and survived by his loving children, Sue-Ann (and Jim) Bubacz, B.Jay (and the late Cheryl), Marc (and Trish), as well as his beloved grandchildren, Jay (and Nikki), Carrie, and Joshua; Bernie also delighted in his great-grandchildren Joey, Ryder, Hunter, and Wyatt. And Lucky Baby (a kitten) who surprisingly loved him.

Known around town as "The Battery Man," Bernie Wetzel was truly one-of-a-kind and feisty to the end! He was a Korean War Veteran and an understated hero in life to many who knew and adored him. His service and military awards are something he rarely talked about, but he was awarded two medals and a service ribbon, though he was much more likely to tell funny stories of his adventures from war and in life. There are a few people out there who are forever left waiting for the punchline as he would start laughing so hard while spinning his tales that group laughter became the story's end.

Bernie loved to cook, (his chili was only one of his nearly famous dishes) and to mingle with his coffee buddies and neighbors. He enjoyed family, many friends, and loved his clients and business associates providing his battery man magic even while hospitalized and near to his demise. He was no quitter. Bernie loved life and loved to debate. If you asked him right now, he'd say

he's not dead. He's fine.

Mr. Wetzel's service/burial is scheduled for Monday, May 13th— his birthday — with a celebration of his life, per his wishes, at 11 a.m. at the GRIFFITH FUNERAL HOME, INC., 5636 Brownsville Road, (at 6th St.) South Park Twp. (412) 655-4600, followed by interment in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies with Military Honors at 1 p.m.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Griffith Funeral Home, Inc.
5636 Brownsville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15236
(412) 655-4600
<https://www.griffithfh.com>

Military Funeral Honors

MAY 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

National Cemetery of the Alleghenies
1158 Morgan Road
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Tribute Wall



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" J. Wetzel.*



May 11, 2024 at 11:21 PM



“ *Karen, Dale, Christopher & Jessica purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Bernard "Bernie" J. Wetzel.*



Karen, Dale, Christopher & Jessica - May 10, 2024 at 02:20 PM



“ *Uncle Bernie.. a kind, decent man who was a good guy all around. He will be sorely missed.*

Leonard Jackson - January 15, 2024 at 04:54 PM